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1. THIS WEEK BBC BROUGHT ON BOARD ANOTHER AFGHAN MONITOR TRAINEE WITH PASHTO/DARI CAPABILITY. THEIR PERSIAN/AFGHAN SECTION NOW TOTALS 10, CONSISTING OF SEVEN FARSI ONLY MONITORS, A FARSI/PASHTO/DARI MONITOR AND TWO PASHTO/DARI MONITORS. OF COURSE, IT WILL BE TWO MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE THE NEW MONITOR IS OPERATIONAL.

2. AS INDICATED IN REF, BBC ALSO PLANS TO HIRE ANOTHER FARSI ONLY MONITOR. THE ADDED PERSIAN WILL ENABLE BBC TO USE THE FARSI/PASHTO/DARI (WHO IS NOW COMMITTED HEAVILY TO TEHRAN COVERAGE) FOR COVERAGE OF KABUL DURING ABSENCE OF EITHER AFGHAN MONITOR AND THUS INSURE 7-DAY COVERAGE OF KABUL PASHTO/DARI BROADCASTS.

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